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APPLICANT : Thiele, et al.
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TITLE : NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE
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Examiner : Nickol, G.
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Docket No. : P00645US2

§ 1.132 DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

I, Dean Tuma, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a professor of Internal Medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
2. I am an inventor on the above-identified application.
3. I understand the Examiner has placed a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) on the application over the publication, Tuma et.al., Hepatology (12 Oct. 1995), Vol. 22, No. 4, Part 2, Supp. S, pp. 479.
4. D.S. Xu is a co-author of the publication. D.S. Xu worked under my direction and supervision. D.S. Xu is not co-inventor of the subject matter contained in the publication or in the patent application.
5. The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 10/24/03

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